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Group Art Unit: 1773

Serial No.: 10/541,454

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For: OXIDATION-RESISTANT RARE EARTH METAL-BASED MAGNET
MAGNET POWDER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
COMPOUND FOR RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET,
RARE EARTH METAL-BASED BONDED MAGNET AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Document AF was cited in a Chinese Office Action dated August 11, 2006. A copy of the Office Action with English translation is also attached.

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